

FISCAL NOTE

HB 897 - SB 947

February 28, 2005

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the state to appropriate additional funds to LEAs to fund a community education program for high priority schools to support enhancements to curriculum to enable such schools to meet educational standards set by state or federal law and to also support the placement in such schools of social workers, health nurses, and home school communication and family liaison workers. The State Board is authorized to provide such funding for a pilot program with one or more high priority schools in school districts in each grand division of the state for a period of five years. The State Board of Education is authorized to develop policies, formulas and guidelines to implement the provisions of this bill.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

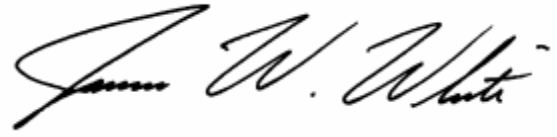
Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$100,000

Assumptions:

- The cost to carry out the provisions of this bill will depend on the amount of funds required by such community education programs to adequately support enhancements to curriculum to enable such schools to meet educational standards set by state or federal law and to support the placement in such schools of social workers, health nurses, and school-family connections in high priority schools.
- Some high priority schools may not have a formal community education program; therefore, additional state resources will be required to sufficiently fund such programs.
- The number of high priority schools that would participate in the pilot program and the amount of funding provided to each school cannot be reasonably determined, but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director